

**Itinerary for Virginia Tech and SUNY Brockport
02 June 2018 - 28 June 2018**



Note: Please ensure you read ahead so you are prepared for upcoming activities.

Thursday 31 May	Day 0: USA
Course work reminder	To Do: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review and finalize concept maps for Krebs (2008), Chapters 20 & 21, due tomorrow. 2. Finalize pre-departure readings (AUIP 2018; Cairns & Saier, 2010; Edwards, 2009) and bulleted lists explaining what you think are the 2 most important take-home points from each of the Cairns & Saier (2010) and Edwards (2009) articles, but <u>not</u> AUIP (2018). <p>Don't forget to look ahead 2-3 days on the itinerary to see what is due and plan accordingly!</p>

6:00 PM **Your domestic flight arrives in Los Angeles (LAX)**

8:30 PM **Check in for international flight**

9:00 PM **Read course material near the departure gate**

10:30 PM **Group flight departs**
Air New Zealand flight 5 departs for Auckland.

Saturday 02 June	Day 1: Tauranga
Course work reminder	Due today at welcome and safety orientation meeting: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Concept maps for Krebs (2008), Chapters 20 & 21. 2. Bulleted lists of the 2 most important take-home points from <u>each</u> pre-departure reading (Cairns & Saier, 2010; Edwards, 2009).

6:15 AM **Group flight arrives into Auckland International Airport**
Air New Zealand flight 5 arrives in Auckland. Your Kuaka programme leader, Doug Farr, will meet you at the airport.

Please notify your family of your safe arrival.

Please note: the schedule set out for your time in New Zealand is subject to change. Your Kuaka programme leader will keep you updated with any changes.

7:15 AM **Travel by coach to Tauranga (travel time approximately 3 hours and 15 minutes)**
On the way to Tauranga you will have the opportunity to purchase supplies and lunch for today and exchange money. The coach will also stop in the following locations:

Stop at Karangahake Gorge to experience natural New Zealand. Take a guided walk along a riverside into a mountain gorge and see the forces of nature at work. Explore old gold mine workings and see how nature has reclaimed this land over time.

Visit Waihi Gold, an open cast mine in the centre of Waihi town. Learn about the environmental legislation that is unique to New Zealand and guides such industries to be more sustainable.

Lunch break at Waihi Beach.

1:00 PM **Check in to accommodation**
Unpack and settle in to your accommodation.

Please note: when checking in to accommodations, check your room thoroughly for any damage. If you discover any existing damage, report it to reception immediately so you are not fined for it when you check out.



2:00 PM **Welcome and safety orientation**
Led by Lori Blanc. Held in the Pacific Court conference room.

3:30 PM **Unstructured work and personal time**

6:30 PM **Catered group dinner at Pacific Park Holiday Park**
Provided by Kuaka.

Accommodation

Pacific Park Holiday Park, 1110 Papamoa Beach Road, Papamoa Beach, Tauranga, Phone: 07 542 0018
Swimming pool, Wi-Fi - charged, BBQ facility, Games room

Sunday 03 June	Day 2: Tauranga
Course work reminder	Due: Bulleted list explaining the 2 most important take-home points from M1 reading 1 (Cavanaugh & Farr, 2006). This list will be collected at 4:15 PM this afternoon. To Do: Read M1 readings 2 (Lima, 2007) and 3a/b/c (climate change), and prepare a bulleted list explaining the 2 most important take-home points from <u>each</u> reading. Due at 7:45 AM and 4:30 PM tomorrow (before associated lectures).

7:00 AM **Group breakfast**
Please prepare yourself breakfast with the group groceries provided. Please also use the group groceries to make a packed lunch for yourself consisting of one sandwich/wrap, a bag of crisps or crackers, a muesli bar, two biscuits, a piece of fruit and some veggies. Baggies and plastic wrap will be provided.

7:45 AM **Lori Blanc**
Sustainability, Conservation and Cognitive Dissonance
- Setting the foundation for the course

Location to be advised.

8:45 AM **Doug Farr**
Pre-field activity discussion on watersheds.

9:30 AM **Travel by coach to local watershed**
Transportation provided by Kuaka New Zealand.

9:45 AM **Tour of local watershed**
Travel from the sea to the highest reaches of the catchment, exploring the various areas that influence the management of the region. This watershed includes the domestic water for the city of Tauranga. Visit natural zones as well as intensively-developed areas, with your guide explaining the impacts of each. The tour is done by coach with several stops for better inspection on foot, including a short forest hike at the top of the catchment.

Please wear appropriate attire for today's weather and activities.

1:00 PM **Travel by coach to accommodation**
Transportation provided by Kuaka New Zealand.

1:15 PM **Unstructured work and personal time**
Enjoy your packed lunch.

If you would like to purchase food and supplies, there is a Four Square grocery store located at 1200 Papamoa Beach Road. From your accommodation, turn right onto Papamoa Beach Road and continue for 1 kilometre. The Four Square is on the right just past the roundabout. The walk takes about 15 minutes. Open from 8:00 AM - 8:30 PM.



4:15 PM

Dr Debashis Dutta

Introduction to the eradication of invasive species

- Overview of New Zealand's physical environment
- New Zealand's unique ecology and threats to this by invasive species
- Development of specific management practices to support native ecology / biodiversity

Dr Dutta is a Senior Academic at the Bay of Plenty Polytechnic and works in conjunction with the University of Waikato on their Environmental Science programme. He completed a MSc (Botany) and PhD (Plant Ecology) in India prior to moving to New Zealand in 2003. Dr Dutta's interests are centred around terrestrial ecosystems and, in particular, plant ecology, biodiversity and conservation biology.

Held in the Pacific Court conference room.

5:15 PM

Lecture on foundational principles of sustainability

Led by VT faculty.

6:15 PM

Unstructured work and personal time

Dinner on your own.

Accommodation

Pacific Park Holiday Park, 1110 Papamoa Beach Road, Papamoa Beach, Tauranga, Phone: 07 542 0018

Monday 04 June

Day 3: Tauranga

Course work reminder

Due: Bulleted list identifying the 2 most important take-home points from M1 readings 2 (Lima, 2007, 7:45am) and each of 3a/b/c (climate change readings, 4:30pm).

To Do: Complete M1 reading 4 (Stafford, 1997). Bring a bulleted list identifying the 2 most important take-home points to the bus tomorrow morning.

7:00 AM

Group breakfast

Please prepare yourself breakfast with the group groceries provided. Please also use the group groceries to make a packed lunch for yourself consisting of one sandwich/wrap, a bag of crisps or crackers, a muesli bar, two biscuits, a piece of fruit and some veggies.

7:45 AM

Doug Farr

Triple Bottom Line

- Introducing Kuaka New Zealand and Doug's background
- Concepts of agency and the role of mobilising stakeholders and creating meaning through real and relevant conservation action

Location to be advised.

8:45 AM

Travel by coach to service-learning site

Transportation provided by Kuaka New Zealand.

9:00 AM

Estuarine environment visit

Complete a transect survey of shellfish populations to collect data on the impacts of catchment management on downstream marine health.

- Is the upstream forest restoration making a difference?
- Use of biological indicators



- 10:00 AM **Kuaka activities**
- Lower catchments, environmental action to mitigate impacts of land use and settlement
 - Engagement of Maori culture through a service-learning project
 - Brief introduction to Maori: their worldviews, culture and practice
 - Introduction to concept of Kaitiakitanga - Guardianship and responsibility to future generations - and relationship of this to Wai-ora, "healthy waters"
- Service-learning: native tree planting to assist with a forest restoration project to protect downstream water quality, stabilise the land, restore habitat for native species and offset carbon to balance the impact of travel.
- Please wear appropriate attire for today's weather and activities.
- 1:00 PM **Lunch break**
- Enjoy your packed lunch.
- 1:45 PM **Propagating native plants for restoration efforts**
- Assist with the growing and potting of native plants that will be used by various teams for re-vegetating different zones around the Tauranga catchment area.
- 3:15 PM **Doug Farr**
Engaging Community in Local Environmental Management
- Case study of human impacts and management of natural coastal processes
 - Discussion of Coast Care and the engagement of local people in looking after their coastline
 - Preparation for Coastcare day
- 4:30 PM **Climate Change and Carbon Footprints**
- Comparison of your annual footprint to the 50-year carbon sequestration capacity of trees planted.
- Led by Virginia Tech faculty. Held in the Pacific Court conference room.
- 5:45 PM **Unstructured work and personal time**
- Dinner on your own.

Accommodation

Pacific Park Holiday Park, 1110 Papamoa Beach Road, Papamoa Beach, Tauranga, Phone: 07 542 0018

Tuesday 05 June	Day 4: Tauranga to Omanawa
Course work reminder	Due (when boarding the bus): bulleted list identifying the 2 most important take-home points from M1 reading 4 (Stafford, 1997). To Do: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Complete journal entry 1 (Days 2 - 4), to be collected when boarding the bus tomorrow morning.2. Start M1 reading 5 (Saunders & Norton, 2001).

- 6:45 AM **Group breakfast**
- Please prepare yourself breakfast with the group groceries provided. Please use any food that will spoil before Thursday. Pack away the remaining food.
- Please clean your accommodation thoroughly before you leave and load your luggage onto the coach. You must vacuum all carpeted rooms, clean stove top and oven, wipe down counter tops, clean out fridge, sweep and mop kitchen floor, wipe down tables and chairs, empty dishwasher, sweep and mop bathroom floor, take trash to the miniskip by the rotunda, and count all crockery. Please work together as a team to complete cleaning tasks in a timely manner.



- 7:45 AM **Check out of accommodation**
Please make sure that you leave your room clean and tidy and that you do not leave anything behind. Please load your luggage onto the coach.
- Please note there is no Wi-Fi or cell phone reception at Waitaia Lodge so please notify friends and family that you will be out of contact for a couple of days.
- 8:30 AM **Briefing**
- 9:00 AM **Travel by coach to Omanawa (travel time approximately 45 minutes)**
Transportation provided by Kuaka New Zealand.
- 10:00 AM **Formal Powhiri welcome onto Waitaia Lodge**
- Introduction to protocols
- Formal welcome
- Introduction by hosts to Waitaia Lodge and its importance to Maori
- Refreshments
- 11:00 AM **Preparation for service-learning project on site**
- Introduce concepts of kaitiakitanga as they apply to Waitaia
- Guided walk into an ancient rainforest. Learn how biodiversity and conservation biology direct environmental action in traditional indigenous practices and in modern science.
- 12:00 PM **Lunch at Waitaia Lodge**
- 1:00 PM **Service-learning project**
- Assist with a local environmental restoration project
- Extend the concept of 'Waiaora' to complete conservation work in this pristine upper watershed site
- Please wear appropriate attire for today's weather and activities.
- 4:45 PM **Check in to accommodation**
Unpack coach, settle into the lodge, set up beds and assist in preparation of dinner.
- 6:00 PM **Group dinner at Waitaia Lodge**
- 8:30 PM **Discussion with Lance and Rawinia: Maori environmental worldviews**
Small group discussions and debrief.

Accommodation

Waitaia Lodge, Mangaonui Rd, Omanawa, Phone: no phone number
Kitchen, Wi-Fi - no internet access on site

Wednesday 06 June	Day 5: Omanawa to Rotorua
Course work reminder	Due upon boarding the bus this morning: Journal entry 1 (Days 2 - 4) To Do: Continue M1 reading 5 (Saunders & Norton, 2001). Create a bulleted list identifying the 2 most important take-home points (due on day 7).

- 6:45 AM **Group breakfast at Waitaia Lodge**
A full breakfast provided at Waitaia Lodge. Please assist in packing up the lodge and load your luggage onto the coach.
- 8:00 AM **Poroporoaki / Farewell**
- 8:45 AM **Travel by coach to Arataki Primary School (travel time approximately 45 minutes)**
Stop at bakery en route to purchase own lunch.



- 9:30 AM **Immersion programme at Arataki School**
Form buddy groups and spend time in classes together. Prepare for the Coast Care conservation activity, in which you will be leading elementary students.
- 11:30 AM **Lunch on your own**
- 12:00 PM **Targeted conservation action**
Working with a group of students from the local primary school, you will get firsthand experience in protecting coastal dunes and vegetation. First, you will learn the concepts of dune restoration and how to plant appropriate plants to secure this crucial landform. Then you will partner with local kids and show them how to plant. Working together, both groups will get their hands dirty planting dune grass. It's a great chance for some cross-cultural exchange.
- 3:00 PM **Group reflection**
- 5:00 PM **Travel by coach to Rotorua (travel time approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes)**
Transportation provided by Kuaka New Zealand.
- 6:15 PM **Check in to accommodation**
Unpack and settle in to your accommodation.
- 6:45 PM **Unstructured work and personal time**
Dinner on your own.

Accommodation

Rotorua YHA, 1278 Huapapa St, Rotorua, Phone: 07 349 4088
Internet access, Laundry facility - charged, Wi-Fi – complimentary

Thursday 07 June	Day 6: Rotorua to Pukeatua
Course work reminder	To Do: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Finalize M1 reading 5 (Saunders & Norton, 2001). Create a bulleted list identifying the 2 most important take-home points (due at 9:00 AM tomorrow).2. Organize Module 1 (NZ) concept mapping exercise. Faculty will assign teams and distribute word list. Group concept map presentation will be due on day 9 in Australia.

- 7:15 AM **Group breakfast**
Please prepare yourself breakfast with the group groceries provided. Please also use the group groceries to make a packed lunch for yourself consisting of one sandwich/wrap, a bag of crisps or crackers, a muesli bar, two biscuits, a piece of fruit and some veggies. Please use any leftover groceries.

Please have your bags packed and ready for departure.
- 8:00 AM **Pre-activity discussion**
Principles of conservation biology and endangered species management (revisiting Krebs Chapter 20).

Held in the Rotorua YHA lounge.
- 8:45 AM **Check out of accommodation**
Please make sure that you leave your room clean and tidy and that you do not leave anything behind. Please load your luggage onto the coach.
- 9:00 AM **Travel by coach to Kiwi Encounter (travel time approximately 15 minutes)**
Transportation provided by Kuaka New Zealand.



9:15 AM	Guided tour of Kiwi Encounter Learn about some of the hands-on management techniques being employed to save New Zealand's national icon from extinction. "Kiwi Encounter" is a commercial visitor attraction, but you will also get a tour and a talk from a guide who is involved with rearing captive kiwi and other New Zealand bird species. The commercial operation here is the public face of a larger effort to manage some of New Zealand's endangered native species. There are live kiwi here to be seen (in captivity). Please don't use flash photography.
11:00 AM	Unstructured work and personal time Enjoy your packed lunch.
4:00 PM	Travel by coach to Pukeatua (travel time approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes)
5:30 PM	Check in to accommodation Unpack and settle in to your accommodation.
6:30 PM	Out in the Styx group dinner
7:30 PM	Unstructured work and personal time

Accommodation

Out in the STYX, 2117 Arapuni Road, Pukeatua, Phone: 07 872 4505

Friday 08 June	Day 7: Pukeatua to Auckland
Course work reminder	Due when we board the bus this morning: Bulleted list identifying the 2 most important take-home points from M1 reading 5 (Saunders & Norton, 2001). To Do: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Complete journal entry 2 (days 5-7), due when we board the bus tomorrow.2. Work on group concept maps.

5:00 AM	Morning birdcall at Maungatautari
7:00 AM	Out in the Styx group breakfast
7:45 AM	Final wrap-up discussion with Kuaka programme leader Location to be advised.
8:45 AM	Check out of accommodation Please make sure that you leave your room clean and tidy and that you do not leave anything behind. Please load your luggage onto the coach.
9:15 AM	Travel by coach to Maungatautari (travel time approximately 10 minutes) Transportation provided by Kuaka New Zealand. Stop en route to purchase lunch.
9:30 AM	Tour and presentation at Maungatautari Mainland Island Visitor Centre This is a mainland island sanctuary where a predator-proof fence has been erected around a huge area. All introduced pest species have been eradicated from within the enclosure and as a result, rare New Zealand birds are making a comeback. There are many species to be seen here that could not exist outside the sanctuary where predators like rats, weasels, stoats, cats, etc. easily kill them. You will be guided by one of the field workers here who will show us how the concept of creating a virtual island on the mainland can be an effective tool for managing indigenous fauna and flora. The visit includes some time at the visitor centre, plus a hike on well-formed tracks in the protected forest.
12:30 PM	Lunch on your own



- 1:15 PM **Travel by coach to Auckland (travel time approximately 3 hours)**
Transportation provided by Kuaka New Zealand.
- 4:15 PM **Check in to accommodation**
Unpack and settle in to your accommodation.
- 4:45 PM **Unstructured work and personal time**
Dinner on your own. Please be aware of your early departure tomorrow. Ensure you have your travel documents.
- There is a Countdown supermarket located at 28 Victoria Street. From your accommodation, turn right onto Vincent Street. Keep right on Mayoral Drive and continue onto Albert Street. Turn right onto Victoria Street. Countdown will be on the left. The walk takes about 10 minutes. Open 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM.

Accommodation

City Lodge Hotel Auckland City, 150 Vincent St, Auckland, Phone: 09 379 6183
Internet access, Laundry facility - charged, Wi-Fi - charged, Kitchen, Luggage storage

Saturday 09 June Day 8: Auckland to Magnetic Island

- Course work reminder** **Due:** Journal entry 2 (days 5 - 7)
- To Do:**
1. Finalize NZ group concept maps.
 2. Start M2 readings 0&1 (AUIP Course Themes pages 8-11; McGregor et al., 2013).

- 5:30 AM **Check out of accommodation**
Please make sure that you leave your room clean and tidy and that you do not leave anything behind. Ensure that you return your key as there is a \$165 charge for lost keys. Load your luggage onto the coach.
- 6:00 AM **Travel by coach to Auckland Airport (travel time approximately 1 hour)**
Transportation provided by Kuaka New Zealand.
- 9:20 AM **Group flight departs for Brisbane (flight duration approximately 3 hours and 40 minutes)**
Air New Zealand flight 135 departs for Brisbane, arriving at 11:05 AM.
- 11:30 AM **Lunch on your own in Brisbane Airport**
- 12:55 PM **Group flight departs for Townsville (flight duration approximately 2 hours)**
Virgin Australia flight 371 departs for Townsville, arriving at 3:00 PM.
- Please meet the Calypso Coaches driver inside the terminal at arrivals, and then load your luggage onto the coach that will be waiting for you at Townsville Airport.
- 3:30 PM **Travel by coach to the Townsville Ferry Terminal (travel time approximately 15 minutes)**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210
- 4:00 PM **Check in at SeaLink**
Your faculty leader will collect and distribute the ferry tickets. Please note: if you lose your ticket, you will be responsible for replacing it.
- 4:10 PM **Board ferry**
You need to have your ferry ticket in hand to board the ferry.
- Please note: the ticket issued to you is for return transportation. Please ensure you keep your ticket somewhere safe so you have it for your return travel on June 13th.
- 4:30 PM **SeaLink Ferry: Townsville to Magnetic Island (travel time approximately 25 minutes)**
Phone: 07 4726 0800



- 4:55 PM **Disembark from ferry**
Please load your luggage onto the Sunbus coach that will be waiting for your group at the Magnetic Island Ferry Terminal.
- 5:00 PM **Travel by coach to Bungalow Bay Koala Village (travel time approximately 15 minutes)**
Sunbus, Phone: 07 4778 5130
- 5:15 PM **Check in to accommodation**
Unpack and settle in to your accommodation.

6:00 PM **Bungalow Bay welcome dinner**

Accommodation

Bungalow Bay Koala Village, 40 Horseshoe Bay Rd, Magnetic Island, Phone: 07 4778 5577

Laundry facility - charged, Restaurant, Swimming pool, Air conditioning, Kitchen, ATM, Luggage storage, Wi-Fi - complimentary in some areas, Book exchange

Sunday 10 June Day 9: Magnetic Island

Course work reminder **Due:** Group concept maps and presentations

To Do:

1. Complete M2 readings 0&1 (AUIP Course Themes pages 8-17; McGregor et al., 2013) and prepare a bulleted list identifying the key take-home points from the McGregor et al. (2013) reading (due on Day 10).
2. Also, start remaining M2 readings 2-7.

8:00 AM **Bungalow Bay continental group breakfast**

9:00 AM **Unstructured work and personal time**

Lunch on your own today. If you would like to purchase supplies, there is a Foodworks grocery store located at 8/7 Pacific Drive about a 10-minute walk from Bungalow Bay Koala Village. From your accommodation, turn right on Horseshoe Bay Road. Turn right on Pacific Drive. Foodworks will be on the right. Open 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM.

4:00 PM **Group concept map presentations**
Held in the Bungalow Bay School House.

6:00 PM **Unstructured work and personal time**
Dinner on your own. Please pack a lunch for tomorrow.

Accommodation

Bungalow Bay Koala Village, 40 Horseshoe Bay Rd, Magnetic Island, Phone: 07 4778 5577

Monday 11 June Day 10: Magnetic Island

Course work reminder **Due:** Module 2 readings 0 & 1 (AUIP Course Themes pages 8-11; McGregor et al., 2013) must be completed by today. The bulleted list of take-home points for McGregor et al., 2013 will be collected.

To Do: Continue Module 2 readings 2-7.

8:00 AM **Bungalow Bay continental group breakfast**

9:00 AM **Koala population survey project**

You will be given the opportunity to take part in a field-based study, surveying koala populations on Magnetic Island. This work is modelled on a study conducted by James Cook University (JCU) researchers in 2011 which collected data on koalas for both publishing and management purposes. The day will include a seminar on koala biology and ecology, a briefing on the survey methodology and a discussion of the JCU study and their use of data. You will be immersed in the natural environment of the island while undertaking the survey in addition to having the opportunity to see koalas both in their natural habitat, as well as up close in captivity.

You will be riding a bicycle for a total of 5 kilometres at a steady pace. As the landscapes are based in eucalypt woodland, you are required to wear long pants, long sleeves, closed-toe shoes and ankle length socks for the morning activity. Please bring a hat, sunscreen, insect repellent and 1 litre of water.



- 1:00 PM **Lunch on your own at Bungalow Bay Koala Village**
- 2:00 PM **Koala population survey project continues**
- 4:00 PM **Group discussion**
Held on the Education Deck.
- 5:00 PM **Unstructured work and personal time**
Dinner on your own.

Accommodation

Bungalow Bay Koala Village, 40 Horseshoe Bay Rd, Magnetic Island, Phone: 07 4778 5577

Tuesday 12 June Day 11: Magnetic Island

- Course work reminder** **Due:** Use today to complete M2 readings 2-6 in preparation for our 3pm group discussion and Module 2 essay. Prepare a bulleted list identifying the 2 most important take home points from the Bayet (1994) and each of the Diamond (1999) chapters.
- To Do:**
1. Start outlining/writing M2 essay, as guided by afternoon group discussion.
 2. Continue reading M2 climate change readings 7a-c (Mapstone, 2011; Hennessy, 2011; Cleugh et al., 2011).

- 8:00 AM **Bungalow Bay continental group breakfast**
- 9:00 AM **Unstructured work and personal time**
Lunch on your own.
- 3:00 PM **Group discussion: Module 2 readings 3-5 and essay question**
Held in the Bungalow Bay School House.
- 5:00 PM **Unstructured work and personal time**
Dinner on your own.

Accommodation

Bungalow Bay Koala Village, 40 Horseshoe Bay Rd, Magnetic Island, Phone: 07 4778 5577

Wednesday 13 June Day 12: Magnetic Island to Hidden Valley

- Course work reminder** **To Do:** Finish M2 readings 7a-c, and prepare bulleted lists identifying two key take-home points from ONLY the Hennessy (2011) and Cleugh (2011) readings. These lists will be collected at 11:00 AM tomorrow.

- 8:00 AM **Bungalow Bay continental group breakfast**
It is unlikely you will have cell phone reception while at Hidden Valley Cabins. Please let your friends and family know that you will be out of contact for a few days.
- 10:00 AM **Check out of accommodation**
Please make sure that you leave your room clean and tidy and that you do not leave anything behind. Please load your luggage onto the coach.
- 10:25 AM **Travel by coach to Magnetic Island Ferry Terminal (travel time approximately 15 minutes)**
Sunbus, Phone: 07 4778 5130
- 10:50 AM **Board ferry**
- 11:10 AM **SeaLink Ferry: Magnetic Island to Townsville (approximately 25 minutes)**
Phone: 07 4726 0800



11:35 AM

Meet Hidden Valley Guide

Your Hidden Valley guide, Ross McLennan, will meet your group at the Townsville Ferry Terminal. Please load your luggage onto the coach.

Guide

Ross McLennan

Phone: 07 4770 8088, 0408 491 724

Ross runs a small, family-run tourism business called Hidden Valley Cabins located 103 kilometres northwest of Townsville. The McLennan family have owned and operated the business since 1986. Because of its remote location, Hidden Valley Cabins has no town amenities and is totally self-sufficient. In December 2007, the retreat switched off its diesel generators and since then the entire resort's electrical needs have been supplied by the sun, saving the resort up to 26000L of diesel and 78 tonnes of CO2 per year. Ross is very passionate about sustainability, the natural environment that he calls home, and finding ways to implement best practice into his business. Please note: the schedule set out for your time at Hidden Valley Cabins is subject to change. Ross will keep you updated with any changes.

11:45 AM - 8:00 PM

Hidden Valley - Day 1

Travel by coach to Hidden Valley (travel time approximately 2 hours and 45 minutes)

Stop at a supermarket, a Subway restaurant and pharmacy located on The Strand in Townsville. You can purchase any items required for your stay at Hidden Valley and a packed lunch for today. You may want to look ahead in the itinerary to see when you will have another opportunity to purchase supplies. You will stop at Eucalyptus Grandis Forest in Paluma National Park en route to learn about the shift in ecosystem types.

Check in to accommodation

Unpack and settle in to your accommodation. Hidden Valley Cabins staff will advise you on arrival where your meals will be served. Please use this time to prepare for the AWC service-learning project.

Travel by coach to Australian Wildlife Conservancy site (travel time approximately 20 minutes)

Service-learning with Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC)

AWC's reserves cover more than 3 million hectares (7.4 million acres), which represents the largest private conservation estate in Australia. Hidden Valley Cabins, AUIP and AWC have developed a partnership to work on critical areas on two of AWC's reserves, Mt Zero and Taravale. The day will be spent working on a range of activities which may focus on physical activities and/or business assessment and monitoring.

Please wear a long-sleeved shirt and long pants to protect yourself from wildlife. Ross will supply gloves, tools, etc.

Travel by coach to Hidden Valley Cabins (travel time approximately 20 minutes)

Discussion on traditional land owners and native title

Hidden Valley Cabins group dinner

Accommodation

Hidden Valley Cabins, 67 McLennan Road, Hidden Valley, Phone: 07 4770 8088

Swimming pool, Complimentary transfers, Towels, BBQ facility, Wi-Fi - complimentary in some areas

Thursday 14 June

Day 13: Hidden Valley

Course work reminder

Due: Bulleted lists identifying two key take-home points from the Hennessy (2011) and Cleugh (2011) readings. To be collected at 11:00 AM discussion on climate change.

To Do:

1. Continue working on M2 essay.
2. Start working on journal entry 3 (days 10-15), due morning of day 16.

8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Hidden Valley - Day 2

Hidden Valley Cabins group breakfast



Sustainable business in rural Australia

Your guide will take you on a tour of the solar plant and lecture on energy use and the carbon tax in Australia. Hidden Valley Cabins is an award-winning eco-friendly resort and operates on 100% solar power. See the system working and educate yourself on renewable energy. Owners of Hidden Valley Cabins, the McLennan family, will do a presentation on running a sustainable business in a remote location. The group will have the opportunity to discuss the business operation with the owners.

Group discussion on climate change

Lunch at Hidden Valley Cabins

Please use this time to prepare for the Running River Gorge hike.

Travel by coach to Running River Gorge trailhead (travel time approximately 20 minutes)

Running River Gorge hike

The hike into the gorge will take around 50 minutes. Once there, you will have time to swim and explore. The walk out of the gorge will take approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes. There will be a lecture on sclerophyll eucalyptus and ironwood forests and ecology of the area.

Please wear sturdy footwear, sun protection, and swimsuit and bring plenty of water and a towel.

Travel by coach to Hidden Valley Cabins (travel time approximately 20 minutes)

The coach will stop at Hidden Valley Cabins en route to the platypus spotting activity for a restroom break, and so you can change into warm clothes as it can get cold in the evening.

Travel by coach to platypus spotting location (travel time approximately 30 minutes)

Platypus spotting

Australian Geographic recognises the area as one of the top five places to see platypus in the wild.

Travel by coach to Hidden Valley Cabins (travel time approximately 30 minutes)

Hidden Valley Cabins group dinner

Accommodation

Hidden Valley Cabins, 67 McLennan Road, Hidden Valley, Phone: 07 4770 8088

Friday 15 June	Day 14: Hidden Valley to Tully
Course work reminder	To Do: Continue working on M2 short essay, due day 16.

7:00 AM	Hidden Valley Cabins group breakfast
7:30 AM	Check out of accommodation Please make sure that you leave your room clean and tidy and that you do not leave anything behind.
8:00 AM	Travel by coach to Frosty Mango (travel time approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes) When you arrive at the Frosty Mango, please help Ross keep the coach clean by removing all rubbish and throwing it in the proper receptacle bins.
9:30 AM	Unstructured work and personal time You will stop at the Frosty Mango ice-cream and produce store while the group waits for the Calypso Coaches transfer to Tully. You can spend this time exploring the store.
9:45 AM	Travel by coach to Tully (travel time approximately 2 hours and 15 minutes) Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210



12:00 PM

Ingan Tours - Day 1

Group lunch at Ingan Tours

Aboriginal culture presentation

Storm story (Grant family story), kinship structure, connection with land, video of Sonya's grandmother speaking the Jirrbal language.

Aboriginal creations

You will participate in either creating your own boomerang (Wangal--Jirrbal term) or necklace with gwainjal (nautilus shell).

Afternoon Tea

History of British colonisation/invasion in Australia

Led by Ernie Grant.

Travel by coach to campsite (travel time approximately 30 minutes)

Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210

Set up camp and dinner preparation

Traditional fish dinner with ginger leaves

Camp-time stories, games, learn about fire story (Jirrbal creation/Dreaming story)

Group discussion

Accommodation

Ingan tours, 5 Blackman Street, Tully, Phone: 07 4068 0189, 0467 511 257

Tully Motel, 59374 Bruce Highway, Tully, Phone: 07 4068 2233 (Coach driver only)

Saturday 16 June	Day 15: Tully to Port Douglas
Course work reminder	To Do: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finish writing/refining M2 short essay, due tomorrow morning when boarding the bus. 2. Complete journal entry 3 (Days 10-15) and bring it to the bus tomorrow morning.

7:30 AM

Ingan Tours - Day 2

Group breakfast

Morning rainforest walk

Learn about connection to land and botanical knowledge.

Travel by coach to cultural centre (travel time approximately 30 minutes)

Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210

Morning Tea

Discussion with Sonya Jeffrey: Ingan Tours business philosophy, moving forward

Group lunch at Ingan Tours

Service-learning project

Please ensure you bring a hat, sunscreen, sunglasses and insect repellent and wear closed-toe shoes today.

Afternoon tea

Ingan Tours programme wrap-up discussion



2:30 PM **Travel by coach to Port Douglas (travel time approximately 3 hours and 25 minutes)**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210

6:00 PM **Check in to accommodation**
Unpack and settle in to your accommodation.

6:30 PM **Unstructured work and personal time**
Dinner on your own.

Accommodation

Lychee Tree Holiday Apartments, 95 Davidson Street, Port Douglas, Phone: 07 4099 5811
Internet access, Laundry facility - charged, Swimming pool, Air conditioning, Disabled access, Kitchen, BBQ facility

Sunday 17 June Day 16: Port Douglas

Course work reminder Due:

1. M2 short essay, to be collected when boarding the bus this morning.
2. Upon boarding the bus this morning: journal entry 3 (days 10-15).

To Do:

1. Complete M3 readings 1-2. No bulleted lists will be collected.
2. Start readings 3-6. No bulleted lists will be collected. Review M3 essay question and take relevant notes while completing these readings, and also at this afternoon's lectures.

7:00 AM **Group breakfast**
Please prepare yourself breakfast with the group groceries provided.

7:50 AM **Travel by coach to Bruno Reidwig Park (travel time approximately 10 minutes)**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210

8:00 AM **Tangaroa Blue Foundation service-learning activity**
Phone: 0410 166 684
Tangaroa Blue Foundation is an Australian registered charity focused on the health of the marine environment. The charity coordinates the Australian Marine Debris Initiative, an on-ground network of volunteers, communities, organisations and agencies around the country monitoring the impacts of marine debris along their stretch of coastline.

Today's service-learning activity will start with a safety briefing and an introduction to marine debris. Following this the group will undertake a beach clean-up on 2.7 kilometres of 4 Mile Beach in Port Douglas. This stretch of beach has been the local monthly monitoring site for more than 5 years. The activity will finish off at one of the local beach parks where you will sort and count the debris collected. This data is inputted into the Australian Marine Debris Initiative's database and used to develop strategies to prevent the dumping of marine debris.

You must have closed-toe shoes, wear clothes you will be happy to work in, and dress appropriately for the weather conditions. Please bring a sunhat, sunglasses, sunscreen and insect repellent.

12:30 PM **Travel by coach to accommodation (travel time approximately 10 minutes)**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210

12:40 PM **Lunch on your own**
There is a Coles supermarket located at 11-17 Macrossan Street. From your accommodation, turn left onto Davidson St. Keep right on Port Street and continue along Davidson Street. Turn left on Macrossan Street and continue past Grant Street. Coles will be on the left. There are many restaurants along the way as well. The walk takes about 20 minutes. Coles is open 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sunday and 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM Monday - Thursday.

1:50 PM **Walk to the CWA Hall**

1. From your accommodation, turn left and walk along Davidson Street. Keep right on Port Street to continue on Davidson Street.
2. When you reach Blake Street the CWA Hall will be on the corner of the park on the right. The walk takes about 5 minutes.



- 2:00 PM **Introduction to the Great Barrier Reef**
Led by Eye to Eye Marine Encounters staff
- Safety briefing
 - Lecture on evolution and phylogeny of coral reefs
 - ID exercise on fauna and flora of the Great Barrier Reef
 - Preparations for student reef research project

Held at the CWA Hall.

Guide **John Rumney - Eye to Eye Marine Encounters guide**
Phone: 07 4098 5417
With many years' experience as a research coordinator, professional skipper and adventure diver, John Rumney has a vast knowledge of the reef and its inhabitants. He has consulted for international panels on climate change and participated in conservation movements around the world. As the creator and former manager of Undersea Explorer Adventure Dive and Research Expeditions, he is a pioneer of ecotourism in North Queensland.

5:00 PM **Walk back to accommodation**

5:30 PM **Introduction to snorkelling and pizza dinner**
Please meet Eye to Eye Marine Encounters staff at the pool area of your accommodation for an introductory snorkelling session. A pizza dinner will be provided after the session.

Accommodation

Lychee Tree Holiday Apartments, 95 Davidson Street, Port Douglas, Phone: 07 4099 5811

Monday 18 June	Day 17: Port Douglas
Course work reminder	Due: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. M3 readings 1-2. To Do: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Continue M3 readings 3-6. NO bulleted lists will be collected.2. Start outlining your answer to the M3 essay question.

7:15 AM **Group breakfast**
Please prepare yourself breakfast with the group groceries provided.

8:05 AM **Depart accommodation by coach**
Transportation provided by Calypso Reef Charters.

9:00 AM **Great Barrier Reef day trip**
Staff from Calypso Reef Charters and Eye to Eye Marine Encounters will be directing today's activities. You will spend the day snorkelling on the Great Barrier Reef. Please ensure you bring your swimsuit, sunglasses, sunhat, seasickness medication, sunscreen, insect repellent, towel and something warm to wear on the way back with you today. Lunch and snacks will be provided on the boat.

4:30 PM **Depart for accommodation by coach**
Transportation provided by Calypso Reef Charters.

5:30 PM **Unstructured work and personal time**
Dinner on your own.

Accommodation

Lychee Tree Holiday Apartments, 95 Davidson Street, Port Douglas, Phone: 07 4099 5811

**Tuesday 19 June****Day 18: Port Douglas****Course work reminder****To Do:**

1. Finish M3 readings 3-6. No bulleted lists will be collected.
2. Finalize outline for M3 essay question (and start writing essay), bring to group discussion tomorrow at 9:00 AM.
3. Start working on journal entry 4 (days 16-19), due morning of day 20.

7:15 AM

Group breakfast

Please prepare yourself breakfast with the group groceries provided.

8:05 AM

Depart accommodation by coach

Transportation provided by Calypso Reef Charters.

9:00 AM

Great Barrier Reef day trip

Staff from Calypso Reef Charters and Eye to Eye Marine Encounters will be directing today's activities. You will spend the day snorkelling on the Great Barrier Reef.

Please ensure you bring your swimsuit, sunglasses, sunhat, seasickness medication, sunscreen, insect repellent, towel and something warm to wear on the way back with you today. Lunch and snacks will be provided on the boat.

4:30 PM

Depart for accommodation by coach

Transportation provided by Calypso Reef Charters.

5:00 PM

Unstructured work and personal time

Dinner on your own.

Accommodation

Lychee Tree Holiday Apartments, 95 Davidson Street, Port Douglas, Phone: 07 4099 5811

Wednesday 20 June**Day 19: Port Douglas****Course work reminder**

Due: Outline for M3 essay question, to be used in today's group discussion.

To Do:

1. Finish M3 short essay, to be collected tomorrow after lunch.
2. Complete journal entry 4 (days 16-19), to be collected tomorrow morning.

8:00 AM

Group breakfast

Please prepare yourself breakfast with the group groceries provided.

8:50 AM

Walk to CWA Hall

9:00 AM

GBR Project debriefing and discussion of readings in preparation for module essay

This session will be led by Eye to Eye Marine Encounters staff.

12:00 PM

Unstructured work and personal time

Lunch and dinner on your own.

Accommodation

Lychee Tree Holiday Apartments, 95 Davidson Street, Port Douglas, Phone: 07 4099 5811



Thursday 21 June	Day 20: Port Douglas to Cape Tribulation
Course work reminder	<p>Due:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Journal entry 4 (Days 16-19), to be collected when we board the bus.2. M3 short essay, to be collected after lunch today. <p>To Do: Read M4 overview. Start M4 readings 1-3, and prepare bulleted lists identifying the 2 most important take-home points from readings 2 & 3 (for discussion tomorrow).</p>
8:45 AM	<p>Group breakfast</p> <p>Please prepare yourself breakfast with the group groceries provided. You may prepare a snack with any remaining groceries today. You will not have cell phone reception and very limited internet access while in Cape Tribulation. Please let your friends and family know that you will be out of contact for a few days.</p>
9:30 AM	<p>Check out of accommodation</p> <p>Please make sure that you leave your room clean and tidy and that you do not leave anything behind. Please load your luggage onto the coach.</p>
10:00 AM	<p>Travel by coach to Mossman (travel time approximately 30 minutes)</p> <p>Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210</p>
10:30 AM	<p>Unstructured work and personal time</p> <p>Lunch on your own. You will meet your guide Paul O'Dowd in Mossman and he will remain with you for the duration of your Cape Tribulation stay. Please note that timings for this afternoon's activities are flexible. Please use this time to purchase groceries and supplies for your stay in Cape Tribulation. Please note you will need a packed lunch for tomorrow.</p>
Guide	<p>Paul O'Dowd</p> <p>Phone: 0414 743 264</p> <p>Although originally trained in photojournalism, Paul's lifelong interests are natural history, conservation and the communication of science to the public. He has enjoyed a two-decade career in wilderness access, research and education. Paul's work has taken him into some of the most remote locations on Earth where he has led expeditions for tourism, science, documentary film and humanitarian relief on four continents. He works as a freelance fixer, location and technical advisor and expedition leader for organisations including the BBC, Discovery Channel and Biosphere Expeditions.</p>
12:00 PM	<p>Travel by coach to Cape Tribulation Beach House (travel time approximately 2 hours)</p> <p>Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210</p>
1:00 PM	<p>Paul O'Dowd</p> <p><i>Development issues in North Queensland</i></p> <p>This lecture will be delivered at the Daintree River Ferry.</p>
2:00 PM	<p>Paul O'Dowd</p> <p><i>Connections between mangroves, the reef and the rainforest</i></p> <p>This lecture will be delivered at a lookout where you can view the Great Barrier Reef.</p>
3:00 PM	<p>Guided walk on Marrja boardwalk</p> <p>This relatively flat trail is wheelchair accessible and takes visitors through lowland rainforest and mangroves. The track is 1.2 kilometres in length (0.8 miles) and takes a loop through the forest with many information signs along the way. At the far end of the loop is a platform which overlooks Oliver Creek. Here your guide will introduce the group to rainforest structure and ancient history. He will also lead the group in a discussion around the development of tourism infrastructure in the wilderness.</p>
4:45 PM	<p>Check in to accommodation</p> <p>Unpack and settle in to your accommodation.</p>
5:15 PM	<p>Unstructured work and personal time</p> <p>Dinner on your own.</p>
Accommodation	
Cape Tribulation Beach House, 152 Rykers Road, Cape Tribulation, Phone: 07 4098 0030 Internet access, Laundry facility - charged, Restaurant, Swimming pool, Air conditioning, Kitchen, BBQ facility, Public telephone	



Friday 22 June

Day 21: Cape Tribulation

Course work reminder **Due:** Bulleted list identifying the 2 most important take-home points from M4 readings 2 & 3, to be collected at afternoon discussion.

To Do:

1. Review readings for 9:00 AM discussion tomorrow. Bring questions for help with group presentations.
2. Work on group presentation of your assigned section of the Fischer et al. (2013) reading.

8:00 AM

Cape Tribulation Beach House group breakfast

You may choose whether you would like a continental or cooked breakfast. Remember to bring a packed lunch today.

8:30 AM

Travel by coach to Daintree Rainforest Observatory (travel time approximately 20 minutes)

Calypso Coaches, Phone: 04 2868 9210

9:00 AM

Daintree Rainforest Observatory visit

Daintree Rainforest, Phone: 07 4098 0005

The Daintree Rainforest Observatory is located in lowland tropical rainforest adjacent to the Daintree National Park. This rainforest has the highest biodiversity of any forest in Australia, and in 1988 the area was declared a Wet Tropics World Heritage Area. This is one of the few areas in the world where the reef literally meets the rainforest and the only place where two World Heritage Areas sit side by side.

During your visit to the Daintree Rainforest Observatory, you will have the opportunity to go up into the canopy in a gondola, which can accommodate a maximum of four people including the driver. All individuals in the gondola must wear a full body harness and lanyard (attached to the gondola). Meanwhile, the rest of the group will be conducting a service-learning project involving surveying and monitoring of trees on the revegetation plot. The regular monitoring of the plot allows us to answer important questions regarding tree growth rates, survival rates and tree succession. This is valuable information for understanding the most successful way of implementing large-scale revegetation projects in the future. The activity helps to promote awareness of how important revegetation is for increasing local biodiversity, creating wildlife corridors, managing salinity, reducing erosion and offsetting carbon. You will be given the opportunity to eat your packed lunch.

Please wear a long-sleeved shirt, long pants and closed-toe shoes to protect yourself from wildlife. A hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, and water bottle are also recommended.

1:30 PM

Group discussion

Location to be confirmed.

3:30 PM

Travel by coach to Cape Tribulation Beach House (travel time approximately 20 minutes)

Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210

3:50 PM

Unstructured work and personal time

Dinner on your own. The group will be split for the rainforest night walk. Group 1 will depart this evening at 7:15 PM. Please eat dinner before you go. Group 2 has unstructured work and personal time this evening.

7:15 PM

Group 1: Travel by coach to rainforest night walk (travel time approximately 15 minutes)

Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210

7:30 PM

Group 1: Cape Tribulation rainforest night walk

This interpretive hike will explore one of the coastal tracks which provides access to the dense lowland rainforest. With good footing and flat walking conditions, the group will look for the unusual creatures that come out after dark. Flashlights can pick up the eye-shine of possums, gliders, spiders and many other nocturnal creatures. The night walk does not cover much distance (less than a mile) as you move slowly in search of interesting plants and animals.

9:00 PM

Group 1: Travel by coach to Cape Tribulation Beach House (travel time approximately 15 minutes)

Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210

Accommodation

Cape Tribulation Beach House, 152 Rykers Road, Cape Tribulation, Phone: 07 4098 0030



Saturday 23 June Day 22: Cape Tribulation

Course work reminder To Do:

1. Work on group presentation of your assigned section of the Fischer et al. 2013 reading.
2. Start working on journal entry 5 (days 20-25), due morning of day 26.

- 8:15 AM **Cape Tribulation Beach House group breakfast**
You may choose whether you would like a continental or cooked breakfast.
- 9:00 AM **Group discussion**
Location to be advised.
- 10:15 AM **Travel by coach to Daintree Ice Cream Company (travel time approximately 45 minutes)**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210
- 11:00 AM **Daintree Ice Cream Company visit**
1819R Cape Tribulation Road, Diwan, Phone: 07 4098 9114
Take a self-guided tour of the orchard and learn about the company's business philosophy and private landowner contributions to conservation.
- 12:45 PM **Travel by coach to accommodation (travel time approximately 45 minutes)**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210
- 1:30 PM **Unstructured work and personal time**
Lunch and dinner on your own. Group 1 has unstructured work and personal time this evening while group 2 goes on the rainforest night walk.
- 7:15 PM **Group 2: Travel by coach to rainforest night walk (travel time approximately 15 minutes)**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210
- 7:30 PM **Group 2: Cape Tribulation rainforest night walk**
- 9:00 PM **Group 2: Travel by coach to Cape Tribulation Beach House (travel time approximately 15 min)**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210

Accommodation

Cape Tribulation Beach House, 152 Rykers Road, Cape Tribulation, Phone: 07 4098 0030

Sunday 24 June Day 23: Cape Tribulation to Mt Molloy

Course work reminder Due: Group presentation and consensus-building activity (2:00 PM today).

- 7:15 AM **Cape Tribulation Beach House group breakfast**
You may choose whether you would like a continental or cooked breakfast.
- 8:00 AM **Check out of accommodation**
Please make sure that you leave your room clean and tidy and that you do not leave anything behind. Please load your luggage onto the coach.
- 8:30 AM **Travel by coach to Sheoak Ridge (travel time approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes)**
Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210
- 11:00 AM **Arrive at Sheoak Ridge**
Upon arrival, your hosts Claire and Marcus will greet you at the parking lot. Please load your luggage onto the ute. As a group you will walk to camp with a property and course outline lecture on the way. Claire and Marcus will provide you with biological/ecological information on the fauna and flora species observed on the walk, as well as an introduction to common biological processes and interactions (e.g. defining different types of symbiotic relationships with living Australian examples). Please note: The schedule set out for your time at Sheoak Ridge is subject to change. Claire and Marcus will keep you updated with any changes.



Guides

Dr Claire Baker & Marcus Achatz

Phone: 07 4094 2003, 0418 722 550

Claire Baker

Claire loves the natural world and is a passionate entomologist, ecologist and educator. After completing her PhD in molecular and taxonomic entomology at The University of Queensland, Claire set up a successful consultancy business, leading projects for ecotourism companies, documentary teams, schools and education groups, National Parks and city councils. Claire's hobbies include caving, hiking, horse riding, diving, planting native trees, rehabilitating native wildlife, reading and learning. Claire's favourite pastime is seeing people enjoying learning new things and pushing people to think about the bigger picture of life. She worked with her hero, Sir David Attenborough, on two BBC documentaries and continues to be inspired by the natural world on a daily basis.

Marcus Achatz

Marcus is the owner of Sheoak Ridge, a private nature reserve. Having a university background in geology, zoology and botany he considers himself to be a "jack of all trades". This is also evident from his work history, as he has been employed as a consultant, mine geologist, a wildlife keeper, and a project officer at a native plant nursery. In his spare time Marcus can be found either tending to his collection of native plants or winning his fight against exotic weeds on Sheoak Ridge. Marcus is our plant and geology specialist for our North Queensland adventure. He's pretty handy on a didgeridoo and is renowned for his amazing ability to tell bad jokes about anything!

12:00 PM

Introduction to Ghost Gum Camp

- Introductory information about the camp site (amenities, etc.)
- Camp/fieldwork safety talk - 'Dangers in Australia'
- Objectives for property management introduction
- Objectives for overnight stay

1:00 PM

Group lunch

Individual wraps made by students from fresh ingredients.

2:00 PM

Group presentations and consensus-building activity

Synthesis of Module 4 readings.

3:30 PM

Lecture on Australian biodiversity conservation

Preparation for field activity.

4:00 PM

Field activity: Species area curves of two habitats under different fire regimes

5:00 PM

Group dinner

Return to camp to prepare dinner and dessert around the campfire.

7:15 PM

Spotlighting

Claire and Marcus will lead two small groups in search of striped possums, gliders, snakes, frogs, etc. Stargazing will be part of this walk.

Accommodation

Sheoak Ridge Nature Reserve, Mt Molloy, Phone: 07 4094 2003

Feathers'n'Friends, 244 Clacherty Road, Julatten, Phone: 07 4094 1665 (coach driver only)

Monday 25 June

Day 24: Mt Molloy

Course work reminder

To Do: Continue working on journal entry 5 (days 20-25), due morning of day 26.

6:45 AM

Dawn bird walk and platypus spotting

8:00 AM

Group breakfast

Cereal, toast, yoghurt, fruit, scrambled eggs, tea, coffee and juice will be provided.

9:00 AM

Lecture on fire ecology

10:00 AM

Fieldwork activity: Ant Diversity as a Bioindicator of Ecosystem Health (fire regimes)

12:00 PM

Group lunch



1:00 PM	Ant diversity discussion Analysis and presentation of results.
2:00 PM	Discussion on Earth Stewardship Led by Marcus and Claire.
5:30 PM	Group dinner
7:15 PM	Spotlighting Claire and Marcus will lead two small groups in search of striped possums, gliders, snakes, frogs, etc. Stargazing will be part of this walk.

Accommodation

Sheoak Ridge Nature Reserve, Mt Molloy, Phone: 07 4094 2003

Feathers'n'Friends, 244 Clacherty Road, Julatten, Phone: 07 4094 1665 (coach driver only)

Tuesday 26 June	Day 25: Mt Molloy to Cairns
Course work reminder	To Do: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Complete journal entry 5 (Days 20-25), due tomorrow afternoon.2. Review and organize course notes for final exam.

6:45 AM	Dawn bird walk and platypus spotting
8:00 AM	Group breakfast Cereal, toast, yoghurt, fruit, scrambled eggs, tea, coffee and juice will be provided.
9:00 AM	Wrap-up discussion
10:00 AM	Check out of accommodation Please make sure that you leave your tent clean and tidy and that you do not leave anything behind. Please load your luggage onto the coach.
10:30 AM	Travel by coach to Cairns (travel time approximately 2 hours) Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210
12:30 PM	Check in to accommodation Check-in at your accommodation is ordinarily at 2:00 PM. If you are unable to check in early, please store your luggage with reception.
1:00 PM	Lunch on your own There is a Coles supermarket located in the Cairns Central Shopping Centre. From your accommodation, turn right onto Grafton Street. Turn right onto Shields Street. You will see the shopping centre straight ahead. The walk takes about 10 minutes. Open 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM.
2:35 PM	Walk to Cairns City Library <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. From your accommodation, turn left onto Grafton Street.2. Turn right onto Aplin Street.3. Turn right onto Abbott Street. The library will be on the right. The walk takes about 10 minutes.
2:45 PM	Programme wrap up and evaluations <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Exam review- Preparation for final research paper and course synthesis papers- Programme evaluations This afternoon's session will be held in City Meeting Room 1.
4:45 PM	Unstructured work and personal time Dinner on your own. Please use this time to study for tomorrow's final exam.

Accommodation

Northern Greenhouse Cairns, 117 Grafton Street, Cairns, Phone: 07 4047 7200

Internet access, Laundry facility - charged, Swimming pool, Wi-Fi - complimentary, Air conditioning, Disabled access, Kitchen, BBQ facility, Luggage storage

**Wednesday 27 June Day 26: Cairns**

Course work reminder Due when we depart for final exam: Journal entry 5 (Days 20-25).

8:00 AM **Northern Greenhouse continental group breakfast**

8:40 AM **Walk to Rydges Esplanade conference centre**

1. From your accommodation, turn left onto Grafton Street.
2. Turn right onto Minnie Street.
3. Turn left onto Lake Street.
4. Turn right onto Upward Street.
5. Turn left onto Abbott Street. The hotel will be on the left. The walk takes about 20 minutes.

9:00 AM **Final exam**

This morning's exam will be held in the Crystal Twig room at Rydges Esplanade.

12:00 PM **Unstructured work and personal time**

Lunch on your own.

Please ensure you have your travel documents ready for your flight tomorrow. If you are not returning on the group flight, but would like a ride to the airport, there is plenty of room on the coach to the airport. However, if your flight is much earlier or later and you do not wish to wait at the airport, please see reception to book a taxi or bus to the airport at the appropriate time.

6:45 PM **Walk to Grill'd**

1. From your accommodation, turn right onto Grafton Street.
2. Turn left onto Shields Street.
3. Turn left onto the Esplanade. You will see the restaurant on the left. The walk takes about 10 minutes.

7:00 PM **Grill'd group dinner**

77 Esplanade, Cairns, Phone: 07 4041 4200

Please order your burger or salad preference, and a drink from the \$3.50 range. A serving of hot chips has already been included in your order.

Accommodation

Northern Greenhouse Cairns, 117 Grafton Street, Cairns, Phone: 07 4047 7200

Thursday 28 June Day 27: Cairns to USA

Course work reminder **To Do:** Work on the final course synthesis assignment while everything is fresh in your mind.

8:00 AM **Northern Greenhouse continental group breakfast**

10:00 AM **Check out of accommodation**

Please make sure that you leave your room clean and tidy and that you do not leave anything behind. Please store your luggage at reception. If you are departing on the group flight, please meet at your accommodation at 11:45 AM to collect your luggage and board the coach.

12:00 PM **Travel by coach to Cairns airport (travel time approximately 20 minutes)**

Calypso Coaches, Phone: 0428 689 210

2:00 PM **Group flight departs for Auckland**

Air New Zealand flight 166 departs for Auckland, arriving at 8:35 PM.

9:50 PM **Group flight departs for Los Angeles**

Air New Zealand flight 2 departs for Los Angeles, arriving at 2:55 PM.

Safe travels! We hope you enjoyed your programme.